

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the claim amendments and following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 14, 15, 17-20 and 22 are currently pending in the application of which claims 14, 20 and 22 are independent.

Claims 1-13, 16, 21 and 23-24 are canceled.

Board Decision

The Board Decision of December 20, 2010 affirmed the rejection of claims 1-10, 12, 13, 16-19, 21, 23 and 24, and reversed the rejection of dependent claims 14, 15, 20 and 22. The Office Communication of February 9, 2011 indicated the independent claims are canceled by the Examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06, and the Applicant is given one month to present the dependent claims for which their rejections were reversed in allowed form.

The amendments above place each of claims 14, 20 and 22 in independent form by combining the features of their corresponding independent claim. Accordingly, all pending claims 14, 15, 17-20 and 22 are allowable.

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Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the allowability of the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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